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In re application of: **THOMAS G. WOOLSTON**  
Application No.: 09/253,014

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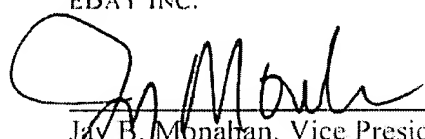
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

On January 11, 2007, eBay Inc. petitioned the Director to grant eBay access to the above-identified patent application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14(h). On February 2, 2007, MercExchange opposed eBay's Petition. To the undersigned's knowledge, the Office has not issued a decision on eBay's Petition. eBay respectfully requests an update on the status of its January 11, 2007 Petition. As is evidenced by the attached Certificate of Service, this Status Inquiry has been served on MercExchange. Thank you for your prompt attention and consideration of this matter.

Dated: August 2, 2007

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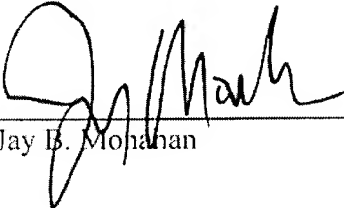


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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on this 2nd day of August, 2007, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing *status inquiry* to be served via mail to the following:

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